

Public Notice – Environmental Permit

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To seek public comment on a draft permit from the Department of Environmental Quality to limit air pollution emitted by a facility in Galax, Virginia.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: December 12, 2008 to January 11, 2009

PERMIT NAME: State Operating Permit issued by DEQ, under the authority of the Air Pollution Control Board

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND REGISTRATION NUMBER: Galax City Public Schools, 223 Long Street, Galax, VA 24333, Registration No. 10223

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Galax City Public Schools has applied for a permit to operate a distillate oil-fired boiler at Galax Middle School. Galax City Public Schools has applied for a permit that would establish state and federally enforceable limits on the potential air pollutant emissions from a distillate oil-fired boiler. Condition number 7 of the proposed permit is based on 9 VAC 5-80 Article 6 requirements and is therefore excluded from this public comment period for the State Operating Permit.

HOW TO COMMENT AND/OR REQUEST A PUBLIC HEARING: DEQ accepts comments and requests for public hearing by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments and requests must be in writing and be received by DEQ during the comment period. Submittals must include the names, mailing addresses and telephone numbers of the commenter/requester and of all persons represented by the commenter/requester. A request for public hearing must also include: 1) The reason why a public hearing is requested. 2) A brief, informal statement regarding the nature and extent of the interest of the requester or of those represented by the requestor, including how and to what extent such interest would be directly and adversely affected by the permit. 3) Specific references, where possible, to terms and conditions of the permit with suggested revisions. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the permit.

CONTACT FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS, DOCUMENT REQUESTS AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Robert Lowe, Department of Environmental Quality, Southwest Regional Office, 355 Deadmore Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; Phone: (276) 676-4863; E-mail: ralowe@deq.virginia.gov; Fax: (276) 676-4899. The public may review the draft permit and application at the DEQ office named above.